Indian does not come under the category of the poorest and most indebted countries.

Missing of Passports sent through Post

3861. SHRI RAM GOPAL VADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the missing of passports sent through post;

(b) if so, the details thereof, detected during the last two years and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government have detected any cases of obtaining passports by applicants on bogus addresses during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to missing passports sent through post. The problem has been brought to the notice of the postal authorities who have been requested to investigate such cases.

(c) and (d) Government is aware of cases where passports have been obtained by giving bogus address. As soon as such cases come to notice of the Passport Office the passports are impounded. A record of impounding passports is 'maintained by the respective Passport Offices.

Proof of Pak Hand in Bombay Blast

3862. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHATA:
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn the attention of Islamic countries with regard to ISI activities and indisputable proof of ISI's hand on Bombay blast; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take some steps to see that Ayub Memon's family in Karachi does not get liquidated due to Ayub's disclosures regarding ISI activities in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government have supplied to Pakistan detailed information about the presence of members of the Memon family in Pakistan. Government have repeatedly and at various levels urged Pakistan to locate, apprehend and return to India the members of the Memon family. It is regrettable that so far no positive response has been received from Pakistan.

Government's stand on Pakistan's proposal on Nucear Weapons

3863. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to a press newsitem captioned Pak spurns no first attach proposal as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 4.7.1994;

(b) if so, whether Pakistan has turned down the proposal to sign an agreement to use nuclear weapons;

(c) if so, whether the plans of Pakistan appears to be mischievous; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Government proposed to Government of Pakistan, one in of the six Nonpapers forwarded to Pakistan on January 24, 1994, that as further demonstration of its commitment for reducing mistrust and enhancing confidence between the two countries, India would be willing to enter into an agreement according to which both countries shall undertake not to be the first to use or threaten to use its nuclear capability against each other.

Pakistan's response conveyed on 19th February, 1994 in the form of comments and counter proposals was, regrettably, dismissive. On March 21, 1994, Government once again urged Pakistan to consider the Indian proposals